# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SPACE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2239
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DISTANCE EDUCATION THROUGH INSAT-3A SATELLITE
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has signed a MoU with the Union Government to launch education service through Ku-transponder and INSAT-3A Satellite to provide distance education to isolated schools, colleges, polytechnics, etc., in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has proposed to increase its coverage to other institutions and requested for allowing distribution of educational signals of APNET through commercial cable operators;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government has granted permission to distribute Ku-Band signals of Mana TV of APNET through commercial cable operators; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 2,000 receive only terminals and a studio to generate programmes for the network have been put-up by Andhra Pradesh Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The matter is under examination by the Union Government.

(e) Does not arise.